

**Alabama Child Death Review System
State Team Conference Call Meeting Minutes
Montgomery, AL
October 17, 2013**

State Team Members Present:

Scott Belton (Proxy-Michael Sparks)
Dr. Stephen Boudreau
Marc Boyd (Proxy-Colonel Hugh McCall)
Aretha Bracy (Proxy-Representative Jim McClendon)
Richard Burleson (Proxy-Dr. Don Williamson)
Marian Loftin
Christy Mehaffey
J.R. Sample
Sheriff Bobby Timmons
Jerry Williams

Guests/Staff Present:

Folashade Ayanwale
Wendy Caraway
Bob Hinds
Janice Smiley
Al Stone
Theresa Wilson
Dr. Albert Woolbright

Conference Call:

Kathy Monroe, M.D.
Ernest Wood, M.D.

Call to Order

On October 17, 2013, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) Center in Montgomery, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Richard Burleson.

Personnel Changes

Mr. Burleson removed Personnel Changes agenda item from New Business and reported more organizational changes. Effective October 1, 2013, Aretha Bracy became the Child Death Review Director noting there were additional changes within the Branch, but the director's position was the only change related to Child Death Review.

Welcome of Members and Guests

Mr. Burleson welcomed everyone in person and via conference call and introductions were made by those in attendance.

Old Business

State Team Membership Update

Steve Lafreniere representing Department of Mental Health has accepted another position within the Department and would no longer serve on the State Team. Sheriff Bobby Timmons agreed to appoint

Elmore County Sheriff Bill Franklin to represent the Sheriffs Association. Other vacancies include a health professional with expertise in child abuse and neglect, and a representative from the Chiefs of Police and Coroners Associations.

Approval of Past Minutes

The minutes for the April 18, 2013 and January 17, 2013 meetings and the July 18, 2013 conference call could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

ACDRS Annual Report

Mr. Burlson reported on the pre-production Report for 2008-2009 data and that CDR staff is working with Rural Research staff to produce the accurate report. The final copy will be sent to the Governor, legislators, state team members, district attorneys, local coordinators, and available on the website.

Case Status Update

Ms. Bracy reported on the Case Status Report and Team Performance and reviewed the handout of 2010 and 2011 cases completed. After discussion of the listing of inactive teams, Christy Mehaffey agreed to meet with the District Attorney Association staff to encourage district attorneys of the inactive teams to reconvene their local review teams.

ColIN Update

Ms. Bracy gave a brief update on the ColIN initiative and reported that the deadline for ColIN had been extended to June 2014.

SADD Update

Ms. Ayanwale reported her efforts to resume SADD activities to include traveling to student events, visiting SADD chapters, and hosting the statewide SADD Conference. She has submitted a grant application to State Farm to support these efforts.

New Business

Mary Murphy, Jefferson County LCDRT

Mary Murphy, the coordinator for the 10th Judicial Circuit and the Executive Director of Prescott House gave an overview of her trip to Washington in 2012 to receive the Director's Community Leadership Award presented to Prescott House. Prescott House was recognized for providing services to children who may have witnesses or been victims of abuse or trauma in Jefferson and surrounding counties. Ms. Murphy also described the makeup of the local review team, approximate number of cases reviewed annually, and observations and recommendations from review meetings.

Dr. Albert Woolbright, ADPH

Dr. Albert Woolbright, Director of the Division of Statistical Analysis, Alabama Department of Public Health presented data in infant mortality in Alabama. Dr. Woolbright reported a decrease in teen and premature births, and an increase in the infant mortality rate in 2012. Dr. Woolbright suggested that efforts of the COLLN initiative and its promotion of specific strategies could make a positive impact in the reduction of Alabama's infant mortality rate.

Tentative 2014 Meeting Dates

- Thursday, January 16, 2014
- Thursday, April 17, 2014
- Thursday, July 24, 2014*
- Thursday, October 16, 2014*

* The July and/or October meeting date could change to coincide with the biennial training conference.

Open Discussion

There were no topics presented for open discussion.

Executive Session (if necessary)

An executive session was not called during this meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further items on the agenda and no further discussion requested, without objection, the meeting was adjourned.